

# The State Journal

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1877.

## Local News.

Read the letter list.  
River bank full.  
The air is full of bird songs.  
Huntsville, Mo., is to have gas.  
Fisherman's luck—Shovel fish.  
Fearfully aguish is this weather.  
Cole Circuit Court meets next Monday.  
The steamer Colossal passed up Wednesday.  
Wheat stood at \$2.15 1/2 yesterday; corn at 52 cents.  
A six hours drouth prevailed here, yesterday.  
An itinerant dollar store has stopped at Oterville.  
Patronize home industries—that all may prosper.  
Col. Price returned from Washington last Friday night.  
The Fulton boys have organized a comedy company.  
Wheat in Mr. Dulle's field is in full head and feather.  
Both Springfield and Carthage want the next Editorial Convention.  
Some persons take a tall interest in Public School, and keep their children at home.  
Sedalia can engage strawberries at the rate of ten cents a berry.—Bazoo.  
Lawyers should sleep well. It is immaterial on which side they lie.  
Charles Hasbrook has taken editorial control of the Kansas City Price Current.  
Boone County is mourning the death of Hon. John W. Harris.  
Prof. Lamkin came down from California Tuesday.  
Switzer, of the Statesman, has found an older Missouri editor living than he is.  
The Steamer Joe Kenney passed down Tuesday.  
The Gold Dust and the Black Hills passed up Tuesday.  
Cedar City is doomed to be drowned. It is looking for Ararat.  
Newspapers of late wear the appearance of poorly printed turtle trails.  
Go and see the building paper, and paper carpets, etc., at Busch's office.  
Appleton's Journal for June is at hand—and with a better table of contents than ever.  
Rat canning for the Chinese—is a new American enterprise.  
Miss Lida Lenox will open a select school, Monday, June 4th. Terms \$1.50 per month.  
What's the matter between the blonde brute of the St. Louis Journal and the big buzzard of the Bazoo?  
John L. Bittinger has not gone to California. He is at work at the case, type-setting, in St. Joe.  
The Belle St. Louis went down Tuesday at 5 o'clock, laden well down to the guards with produce.  
It is the way of some people that poesy commemorative of heroism is either ridiculed or not appreciated.  
Littell's Living Age comes to us regularly every Saturday, just in time for the leisure of Sunday and its attending rest.  
We hear that the Masonic fraternity has established a commandery (of Knights Templar) in this city.  
Warden Willis is ready to go to work on the new Supreme Court building as soon as the commissioners are.  
The war may yet take Dr. Mary Walker off—the Provost Marshal. Why doesn't she go and be a Viandierski.—Ex.  
John Hannay, of the Versailles Gazette goes into ecstasies over Paelm O'Tool, the servant girl's savior, as he calls it.—By Eugene Field.  
Jim Galatly, who used to figure hereabout is about to take a hand in the Custom House ring expositors. It would seem from the reports.  
The prison can beat the world for handsome mule teams. They are all in excellent condition, and of extra size.  
Everything lovely in Texas. Farmers immigrating and grasshoppers emigrating in vast numbers.  
The Missouri Editors are all wanting to know where Fredericktown, the place of the next Editorial Convention, is located.  
J. H. Anderson, Esq., of the California Democrat, gave the JOURNAL (Office) a call Monday. Always welcome, John.  
The steamship City of Brussels is reported all right. Some accident happened to her machinery and she is now putting into the port of Liverpool and sail.  
The ladies of the Institutional Mission will meet at the Southern Methodist Church, Friday, at 4 o'clock p. m.  
When a man teaches the top of a stair and attempts to make one more step higher, the sensation is as perplexing as it he had attempted to kick a dog that wasn't there.  
Notice our list of blanks, prices reasonable, others not enumerated on hand, and others in preparation.  
The farmers of Northwest Missouri, having no apprehension of harm from the grasshoppers are sowing and planting more extensively than ever.

Our friend Captain George Lyon has been chosen President and General Superintendent of the St. Joseph Industrial and Agricultural Exposition.

Col. H. B. Hamilton, Will McCarty, and several others took a trip to Cedar Tuesday, to see about an injunction on the river. The Judge will take the matter under advisement.  
Public examination of the scholars of the Public School commences Monday next. The programme will appear in the daily papers from day to-day.

Harold Hill is to take the Post Office news stand, we hear. Harold is an excellent young man, and deserves a liberal patronage from the public.

Major Henry Sues returned from Washington, D. C., yesterday. The question as to whom will be Postmaster of Sedalia has not yet been settled.—Democrat.

Twenty-five orphan boys from the New York Orphan's Home Society, have arrived at Petersburg, Va., in the vicinity of which they will be provided with suitable homes and employment.

We noticed our friend, Warren Watson, wore a very proud and self-satisfied air all the day Friday and Saturday, and he had a right, as now he has an heiress.

All westward bound trains on the Missouri Pacific road for the past week have been crowded with emigrants seeking homes in this State and Kansas.

Phelim O'Toole by Eugene Field, at a special request of John Hannay, of the Versailles Gazette, is on the programme of the Missouri Editorial Convention.

For the information of an anxious inquirer we will say that the writer of the article on "City Finances" in Sunday's JOURNAL, in opposition to 8 per cent. renewal bonds, is a prominent tax-payer of the city.

We understand that coroner Winston and a coroner's jury are rushing over the county in a hand-car in search of a body to sit on. Can't they be accommodated without being put to quite so much trouble.

"There is to be a great abundance of fruit this year," said a close observer yesterday, "and," said he, "we will have good crops also." A good fruit season, and a good year for crops.

Mr. Louis Wolferman has on hand a fine assortment of piece goods for spring and summer clothing. For a suit of clothes made to order, you will find his prices the most reasonable of any house in the city. Give him a call.

Lenoir Shannon, of Jefferson City, is among his relatives and friends here and is enjoying the muddy season as something unusually rare, for anybody that has ever been at the capital knows they never have any "slush" of any kind in that city.—Columbia Statesman.

The Boonville Eagle has a three column advertisement of the new fast freight and steam boat line of steamers which run between Arrow Rock and Boonville, where they connect with the freight and passenger trains of the M., K. & T.—all in the interest of Chicago.

Oscar Burch, of the Journal, has been commissioned postmaster at Jefferson City. Mr. Burch is a genial, clever gentleman, and a Republican of enlarged views. He will make a good and popular postmaster.—Fulton Telegraph.

The teachers elect of the Fulton public school, are: Principal, Prof. Carl Vincent, salary, \$85 per month; first assistant, Prof. J. T. Bowlware, salary, \$65 per month; second assistant, Miss M. E. Burtt, salary, \$45 per month; third assistant, Miss Kate Baynham, salary, \$45 per month.

Our friend Hannay, of the Versailles Gazette, has fallen into an error. It is not "N. C. Burch, of the State Journal" who has been appointed Postmaster at Jefferson. We are a much handsomer fellow than the one who received that appointment. However we accept the Gazette man's kind words all the same.

Hon. T. T. Crittenden and wife, and Master Willie, and little Carrie, left on last Tuesday morning's train for a tour in the Sunny South—New Orleans being their objective point. They left St. Louis, on the steamer Great Republic, on Wednesday. They intend to remain several weeks in the Crescent City.—Warrensburg Journal.

An old comstocker being reproached by his prospective mother-in-law that he was much too old for her daughter, that he was even baldheaded, replied: "Madam, my baldness is no indication of age—it runs in the family. In fact, madam," said he, in a sudden gush of confidence, "I was born baldheaded!"—Ex.

The Savannah Advance says that Hon. Abraham Dobbs, upon his arrival home from Jefferson City, was serenaded by the Cornet band, on Friday evening last. Mr. Dobbs was one of the most faithful and efficient members of the Legislature we had, and we note with pleasure that his services were appreciated by his constituents.

Mr. John Englebrecht, of Osage Bluff, gave us a welcome call Wednesday. He says the farmers about the Bluff are very much discouraged by the wet weather. Everything is growing to straw, and grain will be coarse, light and bulky unless a change comes soon.

Samuel Orr, the murderer of George W. Davis will be hanged for the crime at Mount Vernon, Lawrence County Missouri, on Friday of this week, the Governor refusing to interfere. Al. Cox sentenced to death, as an accomplice in the crime has appealed his case to the Supreme Court, and his execution will not take place before the appeal is disposed of.

James Bishop, charged with the murder of David Hoops, and for the arrest of whom a reward was recently offered, was arrested a few days since down in Texas, at a place called Cedar Hill, 21 miles from Dallas. The agent says he "tumbled" on the fellow. The prisoner was Tuesday lodged in the county jail at this place.

The jolly, good natured face of Senator Walter Young, of St. Joe, brightened the corridors of the Madison House Wednesday. The Senator will sojourn with us a few days, remain as a witness in our circuit court next week.

Capt. Howard R. Hetrick has accepted the position of city editor of the St. Joseph Herald, and has taken charge of his department of that valuable journal. "Het" is a valuable newspaper man, a brilliant writer and one of the best news gatherers in the country, and the Herald will profit and improve under the manipulations.—St. Joe Herald.

Ex-gov. Willard, P. Hall, of St. Joseph, was in the city Wednesday, with his client, Henry Hartwig, of the same city. The object of the visit, was to arrange to pay off the judgment against Mr. Hartwig, obtained against him as a rectifier, Mr. Hartwig, endeavored to obtain a compromise from the department, but it was refused and he will now settle up.

Ex Governor Joseph W. McClurg, was in town Wednesday, looking up a force of boat hands for the steamer "Emma" of the Osage trade. The boat is engaged in taking merchandise up the river, and bringing out ties, principally for Captain Ware and Co. She left Osage City for Linn Creek Wednesday.

Fred. L. Wensel, of Hermann, Mo., arrived in the city this morning, for the purpose of establishing a German weekly paper. He has rented the room over Van Wagner's shoe store, and intends issuing the first number Saturday next. He is an old newspaper man, and the Bazoo wishes him well.—Sedalia Bazoo.

Parties by the noon train from the west, Sunday, notified the Coroner that a dead boy was lying on the side of the railroad track near Gray's Creek, as the train passed. The coroner promptly summoned a jury and proceeded by hand-car to the spot designated, to hold an inquest. But no dead body was found, and a first class sensation was spoiled.

Albert Foster, of Lincoln county, Missouri, who stole a horse from W. F. Nesbit, of Callaway, on Sunday, the 22nd of May, while the horse was hitched near the Presbyterian church at Fulton, was tracked and arrested in a St. Louis gambling house, and delivered to the sheriff of Callaway on the 19th inst. He was in the Fulton jail at the last accounts, awaiting trial.

Mr. John Peters, an account of whose injuries we published last week, is, we understand, in a fair way to recover. His throat has been sewed up twice, and notwithstanding the fact that the stitches have given way both times, the cut is healing nicely. Mr. Peters has an almost iron constitution, and those who are best acquainted with him give it as their opinion that he will recover. We hope so too.—Osage News.

The Brownsville Herald says "lightning struck that place rather promiscuously last Friday morning, week ago. The bolt fell at half past six o'clock, striking at the same time the Central Hotel, the two story brick at the corner of Main and Miller, occupied as a wine hall, and both ends of the new line to the Sweet Springs—the distance between the two extreme points being nearly a mile. Beyond a general scattering of bricks and plastering, and a temporary derangement of the operator's apparatus, no damage was done."

Secretary of State McGrath and Ex-Treasurer Mercer have instituted proceedings in the Supreme Court against Auditor Holliday, to compel him by mandamus to audit their claims for services as members of the State Board of Equalization; claims he refuses to allow on the ground that their pay as Secretary of State and State Treasurer, respectively is in full of all compensation allowed them by law. It is maintained by the petitioners that upon the same reasoning Mr. Holliday is not entitled to extra pay as a member of the Board of Prison Inspectors.

Col. Jas. N. Burns will leave for St. Louis to-night, and his tribe will follow in his foot steps. On Thursday night next, D. D. Burns, Esq., now enjoying a lucrative practice in St. Louis, will wed Miss Farrar, one of the belles of St. Louis, and the daughter of Judge Ben. Farrar, one of the wealthy and prominent men of the metropolis. After passing a week at the Burnes mansion, the bridal couple will visit the Pacific Slope. No cards.—St. Joe Herald, 13th.

"Mum Sociables" for the benefit of churches are fashionable in the South. The guests are obliged to sit "mum" for half an hour, and any one speaking must forfeit a nickel for each word. At a "mum" party the other night a wicked young man whispered something in the ear of an old maid, and in less than ten minutes she forfeited eighty dollars worth of nickels, and was compelled to appoint a receiver before the half hour expired.—Norriston Herald.

The stone supports to the foot bridge across Wear's creek, on the north side of the archway, near the gas works, gave way and precipitated the bridge into the stream Monday. These supports have been threatening to slide out for sometime. Attention was called to the fact by Alderman Fitzpatrick at the last meeting of the Council. By the fall of these supports, the fill of the street will rapidly wash into the creek and disappear, very much to the injury of the street, unless measures are taken to prevent it. Luckily no one was on the bridge at the time of the fall. Its dangerous condition was discovered by men working at the gas works in time to warn people off of it, among them two ladies and a little child a few seconds before the bridge fell.

The Duke of Acosta has sent [the Pope a] chalice worth \$42,000, accompanied by an autograph letter asking its acceptance from a devoted son and sincere Catholic, and that the Pope offer a prayer for the repose of the soul of the late wife of Prince Amadeus. The Pope was moved to tears and exclaimed: "The greatest consolation I have received in these moments."

## KANSAS.

OSAGE CITY, Ks., May 12, 1877.

Editor State Journal:  
My last letter was written at Chanute, Neosho County, where the "L. L. & G." and the M. K. & T. railroads cross each other. Thence, on the western branch of the M. K. & T. to Emporia on the A. T. & S. F. railroad, the distance is 63 miles. The first station from Chanute is Humboldt, 8 miles, the town lying on the east side of the Neosho, the L. L. & G. railroad, there passing through it, while the M. K. & T. runs just west of the river, the town being reached from the depot by "bus." Thence to Burlington the distance is 32 miles, partly along the Neosho bottom, and nowhere many miles from the river. Burlington is also on the river, on its east side—has a population, probably, of 1500. It is the county seat of Coffey county—has in it an Episcopal, Presbyterian, Catholic, Christian, Baptist and M. E. Church. It has many good buildings, including a very fine school house.

The next place is Strawn, 6 miles—a mere station.  
Next is Hartford, which is very unlike its Connecticut namesake—distance 14 miles, population, perhaps, 200. It seemed to be quite a corn shipping point. In fact that whole valley is pre-eminently a corn country, and I noticed, as the result of the advance in prices east, that it was coming in briskly at Chanute, Burlington and Hartford, and the shellers were moving at a lively rate.

Eight miles further northwest the Cottonwood river is crossed, its confluence with the Neosho being two or three miles below.

Another six miles and Emporia junction is reached; and there I was on my old "stamping ground."

I went thence to Larned, reaching there on May 2nd, and leaving on the 5th. I found that while they had not been flooded, and in deep mud, as where I had been, they had had rain enough, and once a heavy hailstorm. The frost I had witnessed at Chanute on April 29th was general throughout the country. Potatoes and corn were cut down, and will have to try it again—were not generally killed.

Wheat throughout the upper Arkansas valley is looking splendidly, and there will be a very large acreage of crops generally, as the rains in that region have not hindered plowing. The grass in Pawnee county is a very little behind that in Labette county, but the stock has been doing well on the prairies, and the Larned cow herd goes home from our sand-hill range "as full as ticks."

I learn that the eastern immigration "land ing" at Larned in April has averaged about ten families per week. And the towns further east have been getting their share.

For the benefit of those who want to know how sheep do in western Kansas, I will say that there 15000 sheep in the vicinity of Dodge, which is 60 miles west of Larned. They recently came from the southwest.

It is stated that coal has been found nine miles north of Dodge City. That's good news, if it "pans out" well.

Just now there is considerable demand for town property in Larned, and some of it is changing hands. And several additional good sized buildings, business houses and dwellings have been commenced.

In passing Florence, Marion county, I noticed that a large quantity of ties have accumulated there, and that the grading of the Florence, Eldorado and Walnut Branch of the A. T. & S. F. R. R. has been commenced in earnest. The Eldorado-jites are doubtless happy. And the Florence people are not "down in the mouth" about it at all.

I have spent the last week here, during which time a large number of emigrants have been passing westward. Many of them destined for the San Juan country, and some going to Denver and the mountains west of it; for many are "taking a liking" to the Arkansas valley route to the capital of Colorado. Excursionists will not fail, in the coming vacation season, to go or return by this route.

Here it has been raining nearly every day or night in the last week; but a traveler I met, yesterday told me that the weather had been continually fine "up yonder."

It is refreshing to know that La Veta, the present western terminus of the narrow gauge road, about 70 miles southwest of Pueblo—in the valley—they had two feet of snow last Sunday. How happy must be the San Juan pilgrims who are daily reaching La Veta, on their way west!

ADAMS PEARBODY.

## A JOKE ON THE CORONER.

"On Sunday the conductor of an eastern bound freight sent word to the Coroner of Jefferson City that a dead man was lying beside the track, near Scott's Station, on the Mo. Pacific, about seven miles west of Jefferson City. Of course the Coroner summoned a jury of good and true men, and with all the grim paraphernalia of inquest proceeded solemnly to the place where the unfortunate deceased was reported to be, and sure enough, there he lay, prone upon the ground, stiff and stark, with his face downward.

Yes, he was dead.

But as they assembled around him and began clawing around his person for bruises, the dead man rolled over and huskily gasped:

"Boys, for God's sake give me a drink—I'm dry as a fish!"

The disgust that filled the souls of that inquest excursion as they slowly and sadly took up their seven miles journey for home can better be imagined than described.

But the dead man got his drink!

The foregoing comes by the way of the Sedalia Democrat, and is not to be relied on.

The increase of the population of Berlin is very remarkable. A recent census gives the whole number of inhabitants at 1,000,309. Berlin is now the fourth city in Europe in point of population, and the ninth in the world. Twenty-five years ago Berlin was the ninth most populous city of Europe, and twenty-seventh of the world.

## STATE ITEMS.

Columbia has 1,250 school children.

Ste. Genevieve is to have a new paper. Mining prospects in the southwest are reported dull.

A new mill and elevator are being completed at Lexington.

Wheat, oats and rye are looking splendidly in Clark County.

Carroll County is out of debt and has \$10,000 out on interest.

The peaches and cherries were killed in Scotland County by the late frosts.

A masonic and grange hall is to be erected at Marble Hill, Bollinger County.

Pettis County claims to have corn enough to feed one wing of the Russian army.

The paupers of Wayne County are to be let to the lowest bidder on the 23d inst.

Sedalia claims to have a smaller debt than any city of its size in the country.

The copper furnace at Ste. Genevieve has suspended operations for a few weeks.

Kansas City is talking of starting an establishment to can rats and ship them to China.

Callaway County compromises her railroad bonds by paying 59 5/8 cents on the dollar.

The recent frost seems to have more or less injured the cotton crop in all the lower counties.

Jasper County has increased 100 per cent. in wealth and population within the past six years.

The body of an unknown man has been found in the Osage River, below Windsor. He is supposed to have been murdered.

Raymond Schindler, who resides near Perryville, Perry County, has wheat in blossom and which will soon be ready to harvest.

A thief who had stolen a horse was drowned while attempting to ford the Marmaton River, in Vernon County, a few days ago.

An old citizen of Marion County named Boulware Davis committed suicide, a few days since, by shooting himself. Cause, continued ill-health.

Meetings in several townships severely reprobate Senator Rubey for his action in repealing the township organization law.—Macon Examiner.

John Coley, who resides near Coldwater, in Wayne County, had both hands cut off by falling against the saw in the Coldwater Mill one day last week.

They have had rain enough in Northern Missouri during the past two weeks to discourage the most sanguine farmer and satisfy the most aquatic fowl.

A meeting of the citizens of Scotland County was held recently to devise some way to pay railroad tax without money. The meeting was not a success.

A. B. Southworth, Marshal of Glasgow shot, and perhaps mortally wounded, one George Johnson, a few nights ago. Johnson was lying in a critical condition at last accounts.

The Chariton River was on the rampage last week—fairly spreading itself. The bottom lands in the vicinity of Kirksville were covered with water to the depth of seven feet.

An Edina merchant proposes to pay the fare to Texas of all owing him for goods, who loaf about town and make no effort to work; provided they never return to Knox County.

Says the Ralls County Record: "As yet we have heard no talk of grasshoppers in this vicinity, but we are told that unmistakable evidences of chinch and potato bugs are numerous."

Kirksville girls resolved not to accept invitations from young men to attend church, free lectures, mites or spelling schools, because said young men won't take them to pay shows.

Paris, (Monroe County.) Mercury, May 8: Although heavy frosts fell here on Monday and Thursday nights of last week, a thorough examination shows that the peaches, apples and cherries are uninjured.

The citizens of La Grange raised \$20,000 stock to put in with an equal amount by the owners of the Globe Tobacco Works, to revive that institution, which used to give employment to 300 hands. But the owners backed out.

The River and Railway Transportation Company, recently incorporated and located at Boonville, expect to add \$60,000 to freights of Missouri Pacific Railroad annually, and half a million dollars to the aggregate value of receipts at St. Louis, from the present river rates. The enterprise is one of considerable importance.

HELPLESS SYMPATHY.—A newspaper editor in the mining regions of Pennsylvania philosophically observes: "When a man gets both of his legs mashed, rendering him unable to work for three months, there's nothing that cheers him up so much, and so effectually keeps the wolf from the door as for his fellow-workmen to pass a series of resolutions praying for his speedy recovery, and ordering an engraved copy of the same to be presented to his family."